A.— Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The matter is under examination.

SCHEME FOR AFFORESTATION OF YELLAMMA HILL RANGE UP TO BADAMI.

*Q.—786. Sri R. M. PATIL (Navalgund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they have any scheme for afforestation of Yellamma Hill Range upto Badami ?

A.— Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Forests).—

There is no such scheme.

THE EXTENT OF CULTIVATED AREA IN THE STATE LIABLE FOR SCARCITY.

*Q.—788. Sri M. P. PATIL (Hukeri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of cultivated area in the State which is liable to scarcity and what is its percentage to the total cultivated area of the State ;

(*b*) the extent of irrigated area and its percentage to the total cultivated area of the scarcity region ;

(*c*) the percentage of the area which is likely to be irrigated by exploiting all irrigation sources, to the total cultivated area of the scarcity region ;

(*d*) the steps they have undertaken to introduce "Dry Farming Method" amongst the agriculturists ;

(*e*) whether they have started any research or experimental farms to demonstrate utility of dry farming methods ;

(*f*) if not, why not ;

(*g*) the provision for dry farming in the Third Five-Year Plan of the State ;

(*h*) if no provision is made, the reasons for the same ?

A.—Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare)—

(*a*) The cultivated area is about 15 million acres liable for scarcity, while the total cultivated area is 25 million acres and the percentage works out to 60 per cent (for details *vide* statement appended).